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**DECLARATION OF BIOLOGICAL DEPOSIT
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I, Thomas A. Cawley, Jr., hereby state as follows:

1. I am an attorney of record for the above-identified patent application, and as such I am authorized to act on behalf of Degussa Ag, the assignee of the application.

2. Degussa AG is the assignee of the above-identified patent application as evidenced by an assignment from the inventors was recorded in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on December 21, 2001, at Reel No. 012487, Frame No. 0468.

3. The following, described throughout the specification of the above-identified application, were deposited with the Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ) Mascheroder Weg 1B, D-3300 Braunschweig, Germany (DSMZ

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